

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality to limit air pollution emitted by a facility in Courtland, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 9, 2012 to October 9, 2012

PERMIT NAME: **Federal Operating Permit** issued by DEQ, under the authority of the Air Pollution Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS: Hercules Incorporated; Hercules Plaza, Wilmington, Delaware 19894.

FACILITY NAME, ADDRESS AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: Ashland Hercules Water Technologies; 27123 Shady Brook Trail, Courtland, VA 23837; Registration Number: 60188.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Ashland Hercules Water Technologies has applied for a significant modification to their Title V operating permit to produce sizing agent to the paper industry, located at 27123 Shady Brook Trail, Courtland (Southampton County), Virginia 23837. The facility is classified as a major source of air pollution. The permit amendment would allow the source to operate a temporary boiler using natural gas with distillate oil as back-up fuel when a need arises.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. Please note the draft permit is being concurrently reviewed as a proposed permit by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Yen T. Bao; Phone: (757) 518-2195; E-mail: yen.bao@deq.virginia.gov; at DEQ - Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462; Fax: (757) 518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above. The draft permit is also available on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov.